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## NOTE.

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF REGISTRATION OFFICIALS.

A special Section of Vital Statistics will be formed at the meeting of the American Public Health Association to be held at Atlantic City from September 30 to October 4, 1907. As officially stated, the purpose of this section is:—

To bring about a closer official and personal association of the registration officials of the several countries composing the American Public Health Association; to promote the introduction of effective systems of registering vital statistics; to aid the adoption of uniform methods of collecting, preserving, correcting, and compiling registration records, and of publishing the statistical data derived therefrom in the most useful form, especially for sanitary purposes; to conduct the active co-operation of the American Public Health Association with the government agencies of each country and with other organizations interested in the improvement and use of vital statistics; to report on the actual condition of the International Classification of causes of death as employed in vital statistics, reports, and bulletins, and to formulate recommendations for its decennial revision; to help in the better reporting and classification of the mortality of occupations; to present and discuss papers relating to vital statistics, both in the Section meetings and in the general sessions of the American Public Health Association; and, in general, to promote a proper appreciation of the necessity and importance of vital statistics as an absolutely essential basis of modern public health work, and to improve the character and status of registration service.

It is not proposed to limit the membership to registration officials, but an invitation is extended to members of the American Statistical Association and to all who are interested in vital statistics to aid in the organization. There is a large field of usefulness for this Section, and it should have the enthusiastic support of all users of vital statistics.

At the meeting at Atlantic City a statistical program will be presented, including a symposium on the "Present Condition and Prospects of American Vital Statistics."

The Secretary of the American Public Health Association is Dr. C. O. Probst, Secretary of the State Board of Health, Columbus, Ohio.